(b) if so, what are the details of the preparations and negotiations made in this direction;

(c) whether any agreement has been signed or proposed to be signed to expand Indo-US ties in the field of textiles; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the target set for the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) Following bilateral negotiations, the Governments of India and the United States of America have agreed to extend the current Indo-US Textile Agreement which expires on 31-12-1991 for a period of one year i.e. till 31-12-1992. The Agreement may be extended for a further period of one year subject to the condition that the Multifibre Arrangement (MFA) gets extended beyond 31-12-1992. The Agreement also provides for termination of the Agreement from the date the Uruguay Round transition arrangement for integration of the textile sector into GATT comes into force.

(d) An overall target of US dollar 17.577 million has been proposed for Textile exports for 1996-97 i.e., the terminal year of the VIIIth Plan. However, no specific target has been set for exports to USA.

Rehabilitation package for workers on sick textile Mills

995. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the number of sick textile mills including spinning units and what is the strength of unemployed labour in these mills;

(b) what is the amount paid as rehabilitation package to such workers and what is the residual amount and by when the same will be paid;

(c) whether any sick units have been marked out as viable units; if so, by when they are going to resume production; and

(d) whether workers have been offered co-operative scheme package to resume production; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) According to R.B.I. as on 30-9-91 there were 275 sick textile mills (including 68 spinning mills). The strength of unemployed labour in the closed mills is 157522 (approx).

(b) Till 4-11-91, the amount paid as rehabilitation package to such workers is Rs. 35.96 crores and the residual amount to be paid is to the tune of Rs. 53.65 crores approx. Pursuant to the relaxation of guidelines, disbursement has started but it is difficult to indicate the exact date by which the payment will be made.

(c) Yes, Sir. Out of the sick mills mentioned against (a) above, 39 mills were found viable by Nodal Agency. It is not possible to say when these mills would resume production.

(d) No, Sir.

ऊन प्रायग, जोधपुर की विकास परियोजनायें

996. श्री मंवर लाल पंवार : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1990-91 के लिए ऊन प्रभाग, जोधपुर की वार्षिक बजट राशि कितनी है ;

(ख) क्या ऊन प्रभाग, जोधपुर की ओर से विकास परियोजनाओं से संबंधित कोई प्रस्ताव केन्द्रीय सरकार के विचारार्थ उनके पास भेजा गया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उस पर कब तक स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी जायेगी; और

(घ) वर्ष 1990-91 के वर्ष के लिये ऊन प्रभाग, जोधपुर की क्या-क्या उपलब्धियां हैं ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अशोक गहलोत) : (क) जोधपुर में कोई ऊन प्रभाग नहीं है। लेकिन जोधपुर स्थित ऊन विकास बोर्ड का वर्ष 1990-91 के लिए वार्षिक बजट 5 लाख रु० का था।

(ख) ऊन विकास बोर्ड के लिए प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है।

(ग) ऊन विकास बोर्ड ने वर्ष 1991-92 के परियोजना प्रस्ताव क्लीयर कर दिये गये हैं ।

(घ) ऊन विकास बोर्ड, जोधपुर ने निम्नलिखित कार्यक्रम शुरू किये हैं।

(1) मार्च, 1990 में ऊन की ग्रेडिंग और विपणन पर जामनगर में एक कार्यशाला आयोजित की गई थी।

(2) ऊन विकास बोर्ड ने केन्द्रीय भेड़ और ऊन अनुसंधान संस्थान, अविका नगर और राजस्थान भेड़ और ऊन सहकारी विपणन परिसंघ के सहयोग से 6 और 7 फरवरी, 1991 को भेड़ स्थानान्तरण के सम्बन्ध में एक राष्ट्रीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया।

(3) ऊन विकास बोर्ड ने 11 मार्च, 1991 को जयपुर में ऊनी उत्पादों के विविधीकरण पर एक राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया जिसका उद्देश्य घरेलू ऊन के प्रयोग को अनुकूलतम बनाना तथा ऊनी उत्पादों के निर्यात को अधिकतम बनाना था।

Production of cloth

997. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of cloth in metres during the last three years; year-wise;

(b) what was its total production in the organised and unorganised sector during these years;

(c) whether the production was enough to meet the requirement in the country; and

(d) what is the availability of cloth per capita in the country at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) Production of cloth during last three years was as follows:

(Million sq. mts.)

Sector	1988-89	1989-90	1990
Organised Mill Sector	2,948	2,781	2,720
Decentralised Sector (Handloom and Powerloom)	15,236	15,941	17,634
TOTAL	18,184	18,722	20,354

(c) Government have not received any report about shortage of cloth in the country from any quarter.

(d) Per capita availability of cloth in the country during 1990-91 was 20.89 sq. mts.